



*The Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church,  
Rayne, Louisiana.*

**March 22, 2026**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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Secretary's Office Hours  
4:30pm - 6:00pm

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday – 5:30pm  
Wednesday -7:00am  
Thursday -7:00am  
Friday – 7:00am

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday Mass – 5:00pm**  
**Sunday Mass – 9:30am**

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick contact  
Fr. Ed at (225) 571-8233

**CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and**  
**By appointment**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 22, 2026

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### GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Lord Jesus who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them strength in their body, courage in their spirit, and patience in their pain. Let them recover their health, so that when they are restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise Your Name, for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH & THEIR

**CAREGIVERS:** James Guidry, Edward Sonnier, Chester Charles, Anthony Gardiner, Kirsten Jolivette, Tim Smith, Sr. & Family, Marie Sly George, ASBS, Mattie G. Lindon, Crystal Senegal, Lynn Smith, Ros Cook, Pricilla Pierre, Sonja Blount, Rhonda Duhon, Janet Pabum, Tommy Senegal, Ronald Senegal, Sr., Linda Mouton, Helen Caillet, Gracia Senegal, Audrey Guidry, Anthony Flynn LaPointe, Michael Jolivette, Mary Keel, Ann McDaniel, Thomas Simon, Mary Simon, Betty Paul, Maudry Bellard, Jeanette C. Williams, Bernadette Cole, Gloria Jean Wilridge, Donna Duhon, Mervin Dugas, Kabre' Broussard, Ida Rubin, Bretha B. Guidry, Tyre Jordan, Sandra Cole Livings, Denver Babineaux, Viola Daron, Richard Caillet, Wendy Y. Francis, Glenn Hunter, Sr., John Washington, Lois Gabriel Yokum, Tim Mayfield, Delveckio Charles.

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!

— Psalm 130:1

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];  
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:20 and Heb:10:4-10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

### SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)

March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 22, 2026

**MASS INTENTIONS- March 21st - 2026 – March 27th, 2026**

**Sat. 5:00 P.M.** For People of the Parish  
Marie Sonnier & Sonnier Family

**Sun. 9:30 A.M** For People of the Parish

**Tues. 5:30PM** Special Intention

**Wed. 7:00AM** Fr. John J. Murphy, SSJ

**Thurs. 7:00AM** Fr. Raymond R. McCarby, SSJ

**Fri. 7:00AM** Fr. Batholomew J. Shaughnessy, SSJ

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND EVENTS:

Holy Week Liturgies:

**Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday Mass -6pm:**

**Good Friday Services; 3pm.**

**Easter Vigil - 8pm.**

**Easter Sunday, Mass at 9:30am.**

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION: Good Friday, April 3rd, 2026.**

**WALKING WAY OF THE CROSS, GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd @9am, meet in front of St. Joseph Church. Will walk from St. Joseph Church to Our Mother of Mercy Church and back.**



**March 15, 2026 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,163.00, **Loyalty** \$450.00, **Catholic Relief Services** \$331.00 **Thank you for your continuous generosity.****

**MARCH BIRTHDAY: March 21st, Irene Evans Chapman, March 25th, Charles Lofton, March 26th, Hilda Wiltz, **let us put our hands together for them.****

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE: The Diocese of Lafayette requires that each parish is in safe environment compliance. Everyone working with children, Ministers of Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, volunteers working with the Praise Team, and Religious Education, must be Safe Environment Certified. **DIocese OF LAFAYETTE SAFE ENVIRONMENT (VIRTUS)** is now open for Continuing Education. It is **MANDATORY** for CCD Teachers, Volunteers & Parents. After completion a certificate will be printed and put in the office file.**

**WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: In His apparent helplessness and weakness is all strength, all power which He will give you for the asking.**

**FRIED FISH PO BOY: Friday, March 27th, 2026, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm, in the St. Katharine Drexel Center.**

**Menu: Fried Fish Po boy, Fries, Lettuce & tomatoes and condiments. Donation: \$12.00. Sweets will be sold.**

**Thank you. FISH FRY PROFIT March 13th, 2026, \$1,440.00, **Thank You! Sharinda Evans & Family.****

**EASTER EGG HUNT (in memory of “Lorena Cormier”) on March 29, 2026, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary Court #75.**



**SAVE THE DATE: Spring Fling-April 12th; Mass 9:30am, Cook/Set Up, 10:30am, Lunchtime, 12:00noon, Talent Show, 12:00pm, Fashion Show, 1:00pm, Fellowship, Games, 2:00pm, Egg Toss, Egg Race, 2:15 pm, Bingo.**

**LO SUNDAY TURNOUT: Ladies Auxiliary Court #75 will turn out on April 12th, at 9:30am Mass.**

**ANGOLA BUS TRIP: Have a loved one at Angola, would like to see you loved one, April 12th, 2026, bus departure, St. Paul Catholic Church Parking Lot, 326 South Washington Street, Lafayette. To reserve your seat or for more information call: Stephanie Bernard, Prison Ministry Coordinator at (337)261-5694. See Bulletin board for more information.**

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Wednesday: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

## **LIFE**

A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven.

—Pope Leo XIII

## **PRAYER**

The more you devote yourself in prayer the more you will do well in your work.

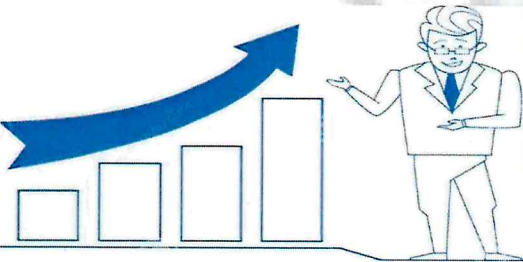
—St. John Baptist de la Salle

## **WITH GOD**

With God, go over the sea. Without God, don't even go over the threshold.

—Russian proverb

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Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy, Rayne 100 years of Faith, Family and Friends.  
We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. – (1924-2024).  
**“ROOTED IN FAITH”**